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## STEAMER MARINA SUNK WITH AMERICANS ON BOARD

SUBMARINED BY GERMANS OFF IRISH COAST WITHOUT WARNING

### NORTH CAROLINIANS WERE ON BOARD

Washington, Oct. 30.—Destruction of the British horse transport Marina by a German submarine, without warning, with possible loss of American lives, and the endangering of the lives of seven Americans citizens in the submarine attack on the British freighter Rowanmore, reported from Queenstown today by American Consul Frost, contain possibilities of reviving the submarine issue between the United States and Germany.

Investigation, officials realize, may disclose that there has been no violation of German pledges to the United States.

The report on the destruction of the Marina refers to the ship as a "British horse transport." If it turns out that she was in fact in the transport service of the British government, it may be found that the mixed crew of British and American horse tenders could claim none of the immunity against attack without warning that attaches to a merchant ship.

Orders were dispatched at once to gather all information to determine the status of the Marina and her crew.

Following are the names and addresses of the Americans, all white, on board the Marina:

F. H. Smith, Philadelphia, foreman; J. S. Clark, Richmond, Va.; J. H. Robbins, Richmond, Va.; William Cullen, Philadelphia, assistant foreman; Horsemen: S. A. Devlin and George Rogers, Norfolk, Va.; Andrew Kraig, Springfield, Ohio; T. S. Hamlin, Edgar Miller and Charles Horky, Baltimore, Md.; A. T. Wence, Sheridan, Wyo.; H. B. Sinclair, J. Arnold, F. A. Arnold and Andrew G. Robinson, Baltimore, Md.; Jas. F. Foley, Salem, Mass.; James Budge, Salem, Mass.; George W. Engle, Baltimore, Md.; J. J. Harrison, Philadelphia; Eddie Marlow, Chicago; Charles Hines and Walter T. Blainey of Baltimore, Md.; John H. Olsen, Boston, Mass.; R. F. Clarke and N. Little, Chicago; F. C. Davis Wake Forest, N. C.; Harry F. Jones, Baltimore; Tom Anderson, Oklahoma; E. W. Syan, Baltimore; Ed Khalil, St. Paul, Minn.; M. L. Hunt, Baltimore; John J. Riley, and L. Harvey, New York; P. D. Brown, Upperville, Va.; Edgar Scherrer, Washington, D. C.; J. Hancock, Washington; J. R. C. Brown, Washington, D. C.; H. V. Middleton, Fredericksburg, Va.; H. B. Bennett, Richmond, Va.; G. M. Hause, Norfolk, Va.; Thomas J. Brannigan, Charleston, S. C.; Jack Davis, Roanoke, Va.; Robert Harris, Robert Barton, Richmond, Va.; George F. Ledberry, Fayetteville, N. C.; J. G. Baird, Jr., Charlotte, N. C.; Daniel P. Thomas and John P. Thomas, Wilmington, Del., and George J. Lancaster, New York.

### MARSHALL JUSTIFIES WORD.

Republican newspapers and campaign speakers have been attempting to make capital out of the charge that Vice-President Marshall referred contemptuously to the Civil Service as the "Snivel" Service. Here are the facts stated by Mr. Marshall in a signed statement from Cincinnati:

The phrase was not used with reference to the merit system, which I heartily favor, but was in condemnation of Republican hypocrisy of that Party's use of the law and its unjust criticism of Wilson's appointments. —Thomas H. Marshall.

### OAK CITY ITEMS

Friday p. m. a fire broke out on the ironing room of J. L. Hines farm. The presence of mind of Mrs. Mark Bunting (who lives near) in phoning to Oak City for help saved the home. Almost every man in the town ran for their automobiles with buckets, etc., and were on the scene in less time than one would realize. Only the roof and upper floor were destroyed. It was the quick action and splendid work done by the Oak City men that saved the home.

J. W. Hines and his family occupy the place.

Mrs. B. M. Worsley returned from Stokes Thursday.

Mr. Frank Haislip and family of Hamilton were in town Sunday.

Mr. N. M. Worsley, Mrs. John House, Mrs. M. T. Haskett attended union meeting at Spring Green Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. Joyner and Lewis Bullock of Rocky Mount were here Sunday.

Mr. Billie Haislip of Hamilton was in town Sunday.

Mr. E. L. Burnette of Palmyra was here Sunday.

Miss Nellie Whitley was the guest of Miss Jefferson House Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hines spent Monday and Tuesday in Washington.

The dance given here Thursday night was well attended by a select crowd.

### Honor Roll Oak City Graded School.

First Grade. Rachel Rawls, Nat Johnson, Arthur Brown, Gaston Cox, Marion House, Willie Johnson, Ruby Hurst, Ernest Ethridge.

Second Grade. Gladys Everett, Margaret Hines, Sarah Long Johnson, Leola Hines, Mildred Davenport, Pauline Davenport, Ethel Bunting, Erma Johnson, Lillian Haislip, Rupert Rawls, Ethel Brown, Mildred Early, Helen Hines.

Third Grade. Hazel Piland, Margaret Fleming.

Fourth Grade. Christine Piland, Alma Harrell, Hazel Harrell, Eleanor Hines, Lilton Hurst, Maurice Early, Paul Savage, Peter Bellflower.

Fifth Grade. Mary Lee Savage, Annie Hurst, Sybil Ross, Virginia Hines, Howard Brown, Francis Brown, Livingston Harrell.

Sixth Grade. Selma Johnson, Paul Turner, Elizabeth Moore, Herman Piland, Wheeler Daniel.

Seventh Grade. Dare Daniel, Alta Hines, Bertha Piland, Pauline Johnson.

Eighth Grade. Beatrice Daniel, Marvin Everett, Edgar Turner.

### BOLTS G. O. P., BACKS WILSON

Frederick Ayer, Financier and Member of Union League Club, Makes \$1,000 Contribution.

Frederick Ayer, a member of the Union League club—the center of Republicanism in New York City, if not in the country—has sent a check to Chairman Vance McCormick of the Democratic National Committee for \$1,000, his contribution to the campaign fund for the re-election of President Wilson. With his check he sent a letter, in which he said:

"Convinced as I am that Mr. Wilson is one of the greatest Presidents we ever have had, his hatred of war and love of his country perching like jewels in his crown of office, I send herewith inclosed my check for \$1,000, to be added to the National campaign fund for his election."

Mr. Ayer is a lawyer and financier, a life-long Republican, and is a stockholder and one of the few directors of the New York Tribune Association, publishers of the New York Tribune, which is supporting Hughes.

## WOODROW WILSON

President of the United States



"HE HAS KEPT US OUT OF WAR"

This is the face of a man strong, courageous, patient and kindly, a man—  
Always alert to the aspirations of his fellow-man and sympathetic toward their fulfillment;  
Never complacent toward the encroachments of privilege nor tolerant of social wrong;  
Always seeking to enhance, the dignity of labor and better the state of the toiler;  
Never lending an ear to the sophistry of exploitation or the blandishments of expediency;  
Always patient to hear and weigh, to appraise and analyze, and passionate to find the way of right;  
Never premature in purpose nor prejudiced in judgment, and never headlong in decision—  
Such is WOODROW WILSON.

## PRESIDENT PLEDGES GREATER PROGRESS

Laws Must Fit New Life Mr. Wilson Tells the American People.

### HIS RECORD OF DEEDS DONE

U. S. Rights Upheld With Honor, Farmers Aided, Business and Labor Benefited, Children Protected—Women's Votes Needed.

Shadow Lawn, N. J., Oct. 28.—To the American people Woodrow Wilson today gave an accounting of his administration as their President. He "balanced his books" so that the record stands clear. Promises fulfilled, great deeds done! That, in short, tells the story. And yet the story is not finished. Other chapters in the great Book of Human Progress remain to be written. It rests with you, American Voters, to say whether the man who began the book shall finish it.

Here, in the President's own words, is a plain statement of what he, as leader not only of the Democratic party, but of the nation, has accomplished in your behalf and of what he plans for your future—a statement made not alone to the thousands who journeyed here, but to you and the hundreds of thousands throughout the country who celebrated "Wilson Day."

THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.  
"My Fellow-citizens:  
"This is called 'Wilson Day' only because for six years, first as Governor of New Jersey and then as President of the United States, I have been

permitted to lead first a great state and then a great national party along the ways of progress and of enlarged and regenerated life which our people had so long sought and so long been held back from by the organized power of selfish interest, and because the great honor has fallen to me of being chosen once more spokesman and representative of the men who mean to hold the country to these ways of peace, humanity and progress. It is of these forces that I shall speak and not of myself, who am merely their servant.

"What are these forces? Whence do they spring? What have they accomplished, and what is their programme and purpose for the future? It is plain what they are. They are the forces of humane, righteous, and patriotic purpose which have sprung up in our day in the minds of those who perceive the shortcomings of the law as it has hardened in America and who look forward with purpose and conviction to a new age in which government shall be indeed the servant of liberty and not of privilege.

"These are men who perceive that American law has not kept pace with American sentiment; that our law has been holding us rigid and immovable, until class has begun, in free America, to be arrayed against class; until what was legal has begun class; until what was legal part in our thoughts and determinations that what is human and right; and until America has begun to lag instead of lead in reconciling what is what ought to be.

Dawn of a New Age.  
"A new age had dawned upon us while those who were attempting to lead us were stumbling along with their heads over their shoulders, intent upon preserving the conditions of a day that is gone. America had changed and the whole world had changed. Our commerce and industry had grown to such a bulk that the domestic markets of which our for-

mer leaders were always so solicitous were glutted and we were bound, unless we were to burst our jacket, to find a free outlet into the markets of the world. The time had come when our commerce needed freedom and would be throttled by further restraints.

"We had acquired foreign possessions, had been drawn into the politics of the world, had begun to play a part which could not be played by provincials, but must be played by citizens of the great world of nations. And yet we had not altered our policy or our point of view. The great European war has served at least to show us this one thing, that the world itself has changed; that it had become at once too big a world and too little a world to submit its destinies to the hostile rivalries and ambitions now of this and again of that member of the great family of men; too compact, too intimate in its contacts, too universal in its way of intercourse, to make it any longer possible to limit the effects of any nation's action to a single, separate sphere where the rest would be untouched."

"An inevitable partnership of interests has been thrust upon the nations. They are neighbors and must accommodate their interests to one another, or else disturb the lives and embarrass the fortunes of men everywhere. No wonder that in such an age men in America should be cried awake and feel once more, as they felt them in the days when their great republic was set up, the compulsions of humanity and of justice!

Squeezing Laws With Life.  
"There are the freshening winds blowing out of the life of mankind everywhere, that have brought on a new day in American politics. We have looked once more very critically at our own laws and our own practices and have set about to square them with the actual conditions of our life and the life of the world."

## ALLIES CAPTURE GERMAN TRENCHES

TEUTONS ADMIT BRITISH GAIN ON THE SOMME FRONT

### HALLOW'EEN TONIGHT.

Night on Which Witches Roam and Play Pranks

Witches, demons, gnomes, and all the creatures of the invisible world, will be turned loose tonight for their annual frolic for today is Halloween, or all Saints' Day, and on this autumn day will howl don the chimneys, the witches will be abroad spreading their charms and spells.

Young people will also be dressed in masks and fantastic costumes to spring forth from dark corners on the unwary. There will be Halloween parties with the games which for hundreds of years have been played at all Halloween gatherings, the principal amusement being to bob for apples in a tub of cold water and getting ducked as usual.

"Four years ago there were two parties in the field whose programme was conceived under the influence of these great forces of progress and adjustment, the Democratic party and the Progressive party. This year there is but one, the Democratic party. In the presidential election of four years ago some fifteen million votes were cast. Of these, nearly ten and a half millions were cast for the candidates of the two progressive parties, only three and a half millions for the candidates of the Republican party, the party which lingered in the old ways and felt: none of the new impulse of a new day. More than two-thirds of the voters of the United States favored then, and favor now, a programme whose object is to serve the changing needs of humanity and progress.

"The Democratic party was entrusted with the task. These powerful forces of the new age were put under its direction. And under that direction what have they accomplished?

"They have put both the business and the life of the country upon a new footing.

Financial Credit Released.  
"They have released the financial credit, upon which commerce and production alike depend, from the control of small groups of financiers and bankers at the speculative centers.

"They have released the commerce and industry of the country from the domination of those who were building up their power by selfish and unfair methods of competition.

"They have supplied those who wished to conduct their business in conformity with the spirit of the laws with friendly guidance and delivered them from a nervous fear of the courts.

"They have released our foreign trade from the shackles of a tariff contrived in the interest of special groups of favored producers, and have created a Tariff Commission intended to substitute public for private influences, facts for theories and pretensions, in all future legislation with regard to duties and restrictions on imports.

"They have made provision for the immediate and systematic development of our carrying trade on the seas.

"They have at last supplied the means by which the nation may be bound together, materially and spiritually, by a network of good roads upon which both commodities and sympathies may move freely from community to community.

Paris, Oct. 30.—A system of German trenches northwest of Saillay-Saillisel on the Somme Front was captured by the French last night the war office announced today. The French advanced as far as the Saillay church.

South of the Somme the Germans made repeated attacks between Biaches and the region south of La Maisonette. By means of their last attempt they obtained a footing in some of the Maisonette farm buildings.

On the Verdun front the artillery fighting was less severe near Douaumont and there was no infantry action in that locality.

Rheims was bombarded violently and some civilians were killed.

Paris, Oct. 30.—The official report of today from the Macedonian front says the Serbian troops in the Cerna region, supported by French artillery are engaged in a fierce struggle with the Germans and Bulgarians.

Berlin, Oct. 30.—via Sayville—British troops, attacking the German lines on the Somme front between Lesbouefs and Morval succeeded in gaining some ground from the Germans, the war office announced today.

South of the Somme French positions from La Maisonette farm to Biaches were stormed by German troops after successful artillery preparations.

### SCHOOL NEWS.

The Lanier Literary Society met last Friday afternoon at half past two. The president called the meeting to order and it was decided to make a fee of ten cents before Christmas and ten cents after Christmas. The entertainment was carried on by several of the children from the Eighth and Ninth grades. Those taking part were:

Recitation, Jessie Overton, Lester Sumrell, Ellen Meredith, Emily Ware, Philip Purington and vocal song by Ellen Speed and piano solo by Geraldine Moore.

There was a suggestion offered as to what would be the Society colors this year. Last year the girls had yellow and white and the boys had blue and white. The eleventh grade has yellow and blue as their colors this year. The school has these colors also. It was thus suggested that each member bring two colors at the next meeting so that the society color may be chosen.

At the next society meeting which will be Friday two weeks all those that have entered the Declaration Contest will recite their chosen pieces. The one that is chosen will go to Trinity College to try for the prize that will be twenty dollars in gold. There are between fifteen and twenty that will try for this contest.

The Chapel exercises were undertaken by the eleventh grade Friday morning which proved a great success. The exercise was opened with the reading of the scriptures by Dewey Voseman. There has been a desire for a long time for a school song. The 11 grade has at length made up one that covers every point. With the aid of the choir it was sung before the children.

There has been a new interest taken in the singing this year. Mr. Jenkins has already received twenty-five song books, and others will be ordered as required. Every member of the school, down to the second grade is expected to have one of these books. An order given by the music teachers, and the superintendent, that four songs are to be learned, these being "Holy, Holy, Holy," "Ho For Carolina," "America," and "Come Thou Almighty King."